

## AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

**M. WADDINGTON TALKS WITH THE REPUBLICANS**

SENATORS—MADRID STILL AGITATED.  
Severe fighting is reported from the neighborhood of Cabul. The British forces suffered a defeat, and are confronted by a strong force. M. Waddington yes

terday gave explanations to Senators representing the Republican factions. It is reported that the Irish prosecutions for addition will be abandoned by the Government. Vast floods are reported from Transylvania. There is much agitation at Madrid on account of the Cabinet changes.

**THE AFGHANS FIGHTING.**  
A STRONG FORCE IN THE FIELD AGAINST THE  
BRITISH.  
LONDON, Friday, Dec. 12, 1879.  
The official account of the engagement between General Massy's column and the force under Mahmud Jans shows the General Massy, while attacking, to have met the enemy, was attacked in great

numbers. His cavalry before abandoning the field overturned the guns and made repeated charges. The guns were not recovered until the arrival of General Maepher's force. The enemy later attacked the British in the hills south of the Bala-Hissar, but were

**DETAILS OF THE COMBAT.**

*The Daily News* publishes the following dispatch from Cabul dated to-day at 11 o'clock a.m.: On Wednesday General Macpherson occupied Sark-i-Kotal just in time to prevent the junction of the Kohistanis with a force from Ghuznee. The Kohistanis, who occupied a position near the Kotal, were attacked and dislodged, leaving six of their standards. Our

loss was a blow men slightly wounded. General Baker was to move by the way of Char Ashab to take them to the rear. While General Massey, with a force of 1,000 men, was to move by the way of the mountain and one squadron of the Fourteenth Bengal Lancers, was to join General Macpherson by the way of the Chardung. The enemy made a dash for the mountain, thus driving the enemy south on General Baker's command. General Massey encountered Mahmood Jan's force, but the enemy was not in a position to offer resistance, and his cavalry made a brilliant charge, but without apparent effect on the vast body of the enemy. The enemy made for the Chardung, but were checked by water courses. Four kunis, in retreat, were shot, spiked and abandoned, but were subsequently recovered. The enemy made for the Chardung, but were checked there by a detachment of the Seventy-Second Highlanders from the Slepur cantonment.

On the 12th, the enemy made for the Baber's Tomb, and now occupy the heights south of the Bab-i-Hissar. They are admirably led, and two or three thousand of them are in the hands of the enemy. The enemy is now in a position to make a dash for the Chardung, but they have no cavalry charge and artillery fire, but never waver. Our loss is believed to be eighteen killed, including two lieutenants, and twenty-five wounded, including two lieutenants. The enemy is now in a position to make a dash for the Chardung, but they have no cavalry charge and artillery fire, but never waver. The guides have arrived from Lutabud and General Baker is coming from Malistan. [This dispatch should prove correct.]

**TWO DAYS FIGHTING REPORTED.**

A dispatch from Cabul, dated Thursday, says "The combined movement of Generals Massey and Macpherson miscarried. The cavalry arrived at the point of junction too early. It encountered large masses of the enemy, and the guns for a time fell into the enemy's hands, but they were afterward recovered. The insurgents, who were in the hands of the enemy, attacked this morning by General Macpherson, who yesterday inflicted severe loss upon them."

Letters from Madrid state that the independent press declares that Señor Canovas del Castillo supplanted General Martinez-Campos by a course of Parliamentary intrigue.

During a stormy sitting of the Congress on the 10th inst., shouts of "long live the Republic" were raised in the spectators' galleries, and some of the public were consequently excluded on Thursday. Military precautions have been taken in Madrid.

Several Generals of the Army, high in command in such cities as Canton, General Blanes at San Juan de los Rios, Generals Prendergast and Cassola, tendered their resignations, as soon as they heard of the fall of Premier Martinez-Campos's Ministry. The Constitutional Deputies also resigned en masse, among them being Quintanilla, Castelar, Martos, Alonzo Martinez, Rius and Romero, and Generals Casella and Sangu. To insist upon explanations being given by the Government of such a wholesale resignation of the Congress relative to their unparliamentary treatment of the Constitutional party in the sitting of the 10th inst.

**FRENCH MINISTERIAL EXPLANATIONS.**  
LONDON, Friday, Dec. 12, 1879.  
A dispatch from Paris to *The Times* says: The Presidents of the three groups of the Senatorial Left yesterday waited on M. Waddington, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. Ferry, Senator from the Department of the Seine, on behalf of the Left, advocated a more decided policy; M. Ducloux, late Senator from the Department of the Landes, for the Pure Left, urged that the Government should watch over the strict loyalty of all functionaries; and M. Perronillet, from the Department

M. Waddington acknowledged that much had still to be done to improve the situation, though it was not a

be done as to the functionaries, though it was not always easy to find suitable successors. He promised to do his utmost to meet the wishes of the Left, and stated that the only proved case of ill-treatment had been dealt with by the dismissal of the guilty, and engaged

that, if the pending investigation of various cases, involving the purchase of arms by M. J. O'Brien, resulted by giving a favorable account of foreign affairs.

**THE IRISH AGITATION.**  
LONDON, Friday, Dec. 12, 1879.

The Grand Jury at Carrick-on-Shannon have found true bills against Michael DAVITT, James Byrne and James Daly, for sedition. The counsel for the Crown presented writs removing the trial of the indicted men to Dublin. Mr. Allen, counsel for Mr. Killen, protested, and advised Mr. Killen to remain in prison.

Passage has been booked for Mr. Charles S. Parnell and a friend by the steamship scythia, which will sail from Liverpool for New-York on the 20th inst.

A Sio-Striver of Mayo, accompanied by a large force of men, has been sent to the assistance of the British officer.

**ATTEMPT TO KILL LORD LYTON.**  
CALCUTTA, Friday, Dec. 12, 1879.  
Lord Lyton, Viceroy of India, on his arrival here this evening from a tour of the Provinces, was twice fired at by a drunken East Indian, but escaped injury. The would-be assassin has been arrested.

**FOREIGN NOTES.**  
LONDON, Friday, Dec. 12, 1879.  
Marshal Canrobert, in the Senate yesterday, declared that so far from ordering the soldiers to fire on the people on the Boulevards in 1871, he stopped the firing, and that he would have ordered the soldiers to fire on the soldiers who would have ordered and was doubtless being young hot-headed recruits.

Nearly all the rivers and brooks in France have overflowed their banks, laying under water vast tracts of country. In some cases the inhabitants were for days on trees and roofs of houses awaiting rescue.

The increasing rise in the price of cereals throughout the Empire has led to the corresponding increase in the price of meat, which is estimated for 1880.

The Landtag has adopted the Railroad Committee's resolutions prescribing principles on which the Government

ment must administer the railways. The Berlin and Magdeburg Railway Company has overwhelmingly voted in favor of the sale of that road to the Government.

An influential committee, under the presidency of the

Mayor of Berlin and the Prefect of Police, has been ordered to organize a system of relief for the famine-stricken people of Sicily.

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**CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH**

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**ARRESTED FOR MURDER.**  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 12.—James M. Norwalk has been arrested for murdering Mrs. Vickers near Bunceown, Mo., last July.

**A COLLIERIES ACCIDENT.**  
POTTSVILLE, Penn., Dec. 12.—By a fall of ten

CHINESE BARBARISM.  
VICTORIA B. C. Dec. 12.—A Chinawoman and

Chinese men were chopped to pieces with an axe by another Chinaman, who set fire to the house in order to burn the bodies. The fire, however, was put out and the crime discovered.

PROMPTLY FINED.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 12.—Frank Johnson, a young man from Naples, Ontario County, N. Y., has been fined \$30 for attempting last night to shoot Mr. Christie, night policeman at the Great Western railway station. Johnson was drunk and had been put off the train.